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JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

February 10: 43,78,909 doses

February 11: 42,67,532 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 1,72,24,21,476

NATIONWIDE	FEB 10	FEB 11
Fresh cases	67,084	58,077
Recoveries	1,67,882	1,50,407
Deaths	1,241	657

KARNATAKA	FEB 10	FEB 11
Fresh cases	5,019	3,976
Recoveries	13,923	11,377
Deaths	39	41

IPL: TIME TO GO HAMMER & TONGS

With the mega IPL player auction getting underway today, here are a few details you need to know about the two-day affair that begins at 12 PM in Bengaluru...

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No. of players in auction

Capped: **229**

Uncapped: **365**

Indian players: **379**

Overseas players: **222**

MARQUEE PLAYERS WITH ₹2 CR BASE PRICE

R Ashwin, Trent Boult, Pat Cummins, Quinton De Kock, Shikhar Dhawan, Faf Du Plessis, Shreyas Iyer, Kagiso Rabada, Mohammad Shami, David Warner

INDIAN PLAYERS TO WATCH OUT FOR (all base price figures)

Ishan Kishan	₹2 cr	Devdutt Padikkal	₹2 cr	Washington Sundar	₹1.5 cr
Shardul Thakur	₹2 cr	Harshal Patel	₹2 cr	Deepak Hooda	₹40 Lakhs
Deepak Chahar	₹2 cr	Yuzvendra Chahal	₹2 cr	Rahul Chahar	₹75 Lakhs

AUCTION PURSE | CSK, MI, KKR: ₹48 cr; RCB: ₹57 cr, RR: ₹62 cr, DC: 47.5 cr, SRH: ₹68 cr, PBKS: ₹72 cr, LPS: ₹59 cr, GT: ₹52 cr

OVERSEAS PLAYERS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Nicholas Pooran	₹2 cr	Dewald Brevis	₹2 cr	Odean Smith	₹1.5 cr
Jason Holder	₹2 cr	Mitchell Marsh	₹2 cr	Marco Jansen	₹1.5 cr
Jonny Bairstow	₹2 cr	Mark Wood	₹2 cr	Liam Livingstone	₹1.5 cr

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PLAYERS TO BE AUCTIONED ON SATURDAY, ACCELERATED PROCESS AS PER FRANCHISES' COMMON WISH-LIST TO BE FOLLOWED ON SUNDAY

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

Flag marches taken out to send a message

Holidays for degree colleges extended till Wednesday, no decision on pre-university institutions yet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AHEAD of high schools reopening on Monday, paramilitary forces and police personnel conducted flag marches at various places across the state, including Udupi, on Friday. Meanwhile, the government extended holidays for colleges and universities till Wednesday, though a decision on opening of pre-university colleges is yet to be taken.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai directed police and the Education Department officials to be vigilant to prevent any untoward incidents.

Flag marches were conducted at Udupi – where the controversy started, Hubballi-Dharwad, Chitradurga, Davanagere and other cities and towns. In some places, police personnel were deployed near educational institutions to keep an eye on any suspicious activities.

Bommai met Higher Education Dr Ashwath Narayan, Primary and Secondary Education BC Nagesh, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, DCs, police and Education department officials to review the situation before reopening of schools. He directed them to prevent untoward incidents, not to neglect even small developments and to keep an eye on social media posts. He also told them to take local leaders, religious heads, teachers and parents into confidence.

In Udupi, the Rapid Action Force and police personnel, including SP Vishnuvardhan and DySP Siddalingappa, took part in the route march.

Late on Friday evening, the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education announced that colleges and universities will be closed till February 16. However, exams will be held as per schedule. College managements have been told to conduct online classes, said Dr Ashwath Narayan. The holiday rule is applicable to all government, aided, unaided degree colleges, diploma, and engineering colleges, the order stated. P4

Rapid Action Force personnel take out a route march in Udupi on Friday | EXPRESS

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>
> Karnataka High Court

UDUPI MLA SEEKS NIA PROBE

Udupi MLA K Raghupathi Bhat, president of the college development committee at the Women's Govt PU College where the hijab row first started, has sought a probe by the National Investigation Agency into the controversy. P4

Students are better off attending classes: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday issued interim orders on the hijab row, noting that the interests of students are better served by returning to classes than by agitations and consequent closure of institutions. The interim order, confined to institutions where College Development Committees (CDCs) have prescribed dress code or uniforms for students, restrains students from wearing saffron shawls (Bhagwa), scarfs, hijab, religious flags or the like within the classroom regardless of their religion, until further orders.

The court observed that as the academic year is coming to an end shortly, "We hope and trust that all stakeholders and the public at large shall maintain peace and tranquility."

The court observed, "Ours being a civilised society, no person in the name of religion, culture or the like can be permitted to do any act that disturbs public peace and tranquility. Endless agitations and closure of educational institutions indefinitely are not happy things to happen."

The three-judge bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, and Justices Krishna S Dixit and JM Khazi passed the interim order as indicated towards the end of hearing on Thursday evening, while taking up a batch of petitions filed by students from Udupi. P4

Apex court refuses to hear hijab row case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday refused to intervene in the Karnataka hijab controversy, making it clear that they will take it up at an appropriate time.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said, "You should think if such issues should be brought at the national level."

Seeking to challenge the Karnataka High Court's interim order restraining students from wearing religious garbs till it decided the issues arising out of the hijab controversy, senior advocate Devdatt Kamat urged the top court to take up the matter on Monday.

"We are also watching what's happening in the state. Constitutional rights are for everybody and this court will protect it. We will list at appropriate time," the Chief Justice of India said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta opposed Kamat's submission, saying the issue shouldn't be politicised.

This is the second time in as many days that the top court has refused to intervene.

On Thursday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal had urged Chief Justice of India Ramana to take up a petition filed by Fatima Bushra - a student of Government PU College, Udupi - in view of its pan-India ramifications.

Scrap recovery notices to CAA protesters: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday asked the UP government to withdraw the recovery notices issued to alleged anti-CAA protesters in December 2019, terming the move as contrary to the guidelines stipulated by the SC.

A bench of justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant said the state government has acted like a complainant, adjudicator and prosecutor by itself in conducting the proceedings to attach the properties of the accused. "Withdraw the proceedings or we will quash it for being in violation of the law laid down by this court," the bench said, giving the state time till February 18 to do so.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by one Parwaiz Arif Titu seeking quashing of the notices sent to alleged protestors for recovering losses caused by damage to public properties during the anti-CAA stir in UP. The petitioner alleged the notices had been sent in an arbitrary manner, pointing out that notices were issued in the name of nonagenarians and even dead persons.

Additional Advocate General Garima Prashad said claim tribunals headed by retired district judges have been constituted under the new law notified in 2020, which were earlier headed by additional district magistrates. The bench said, "The Supreme Court has passed two judgements in 2009 and 2018, which said that judicial officers should be appointed in claim tribunals but instead you appointed ADMs."

Reappointed

N Chandrasekaran was on Friday reappointed as the chairman of Tata Sons – the holding company of the salt-to-software Tata Group – for a second five-year term. His reappointment was backed by Ratan Tata, chairman of Tata Trusts. | P13

EXPRESS READ

Six Pak fishermen held from creek area in Kutch

New Delhi: BSF on Friday apprehended six Pakistani fishermen from the Harami Nalla creek area in the Kutch district of Gujarat. BSF seized 11 fishing boats on Thursday, but its occupants had managed to escape.

Industrial growth slows to just 0.4% in Dec

New Delhi: The Index of Industrial Production grew by 0.4% in December 2021, according to the data released by National Statistical Office on Friday. The slowdown is largely blamed on poor performance by manufacturing sector.

Night traffic ban forces groom to walk for 2km

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

A marriage party, especially the groom, was caught in a traffic gridlock in the ghats on Friday as the Madras High Court has banned night traffic from Bannari-Dimbam till Karayapalyam on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border.

As the road is closed from 9 pm to 6 am for all vehicles, the marriage party had to walk nearly 2 km to reach the Bannari temple as it was getting late for the muhurtham.

The groom, all decked up in wedding attire, also had to go on the uphill trek. The onlookers who were waiting in the long queue, cheered the groom. Even after the gates were opened, it took two hours for the traffic to clear, officials said.

CLEAN SWEEP

India's Prasidh Krishna celebrates after the dismissal of West Indies' Darren Bravo during the third and final ODI in Motera on Friday. India beat West Indies by 96 runs to complete a 3-0 series whitewash | AFP | P19

Brazil coffee market crashes, but no cheer for Kodagu growers

PRAJNA GR @Madikeri

THE crash in the Brazilian coffee market has sent prices of Arabica parchment coffee soaring. This could have been happy news for coffee growers of Kodagu, but it is not, as the majority of them have not benefited from this price rise.

The reason? Over the last few years, coffee growers in the district have abandoned the Arabica variety and opted for Robusta crop as they were facing problems with the former. Only a handful of farmers, who have still been maintaining Arabica coffee plantations, have earned good profits this time.

But over the years, coffee growing has become a risky business, especially due to changing weather conditions. Untimely and incessant rains have caused havoc and reduced coffee yields, pushing growers to the brink. Their dire situation can be gauged by the fact that over 40,000 farmers have applied for crop damage compensation in the district. P7

AGE NO BAR

Problem-based learning helps kids: Teen girl inventor

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

GITANJALI Rao, a child prodigy and inventor, said the cause of her success was her community, a supportive environment as well as the focus on problem-based learning in schools.

Speaking at the Diaspora Diplomacy speaker series, organised by the US Mission in India, the 16-year-old talked about her experiences, her thought processes as well as her upcoming inventions. Gitanjali, an Indian-origin student from the US, is an accomplished inventor, having come to the forefront with Tethys, a device that detects lead levels in water and transmits the information over Bluetooth. "I saw my parents testing lead levels in water at home and the process was tedious, unreliable and expensive," she said. She decided to find a solution after learning about the Flint Water Crisis, where the residents had to line up just to access potable water.

Rao has also worked on numerous other inventions, aiming to work on at least one every year. "I want to be a change-maker and

have an impact on society. I can't limit my start to one particular moment because it was a series of moments and an ongoing effort to come up with ideas and solutions for world problems. Not just any solutions, but simple solutions to complicated problems," she elaborated. Her ideas and inventions include a device to diagnose opiate addictions, Kindly, a cyberbullying filter, and most recently, a way to detect photo alterations on social media platforms to help boost the confidence of teenagers and reduce rates of depression.

"I am where I am because of my community. I've always grown in a supportive environment and have had a supportive family and school," she said. P7

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